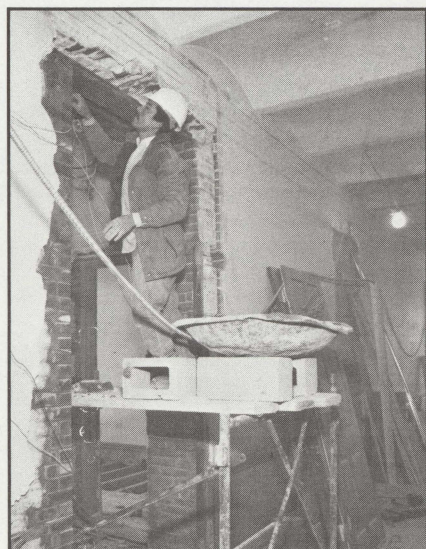


(Left) Workers install metal roof decking on the south face of Hall Memorial Building. (Right) Masonry work is done on a door leading to a new stairwell at College Hall.



Need exists among deaf Russians

The political situation in Russia and the republics that formerly made up the Soviet Union is deteriorating rapidly, and deaf Russians need immediate help from Americans in the form of food and medicine, according to Igor Abramov, president of the Moscow Society of the Deaf and vice president of the All-Russian Society of the Deaf.

Abramov spoke about the political situation and the condition of deaf people in Russia Jan. 24 at a lecture in Merrill Learning Center sponsored by the History Department.

He will be at Gallaudet until March conducting research in deaf history and deaf education for a proposal to the Russian government to establish a special college for deaf Russians at Moscow State University.

Russia has about 450,000 deaf and 17 million hard of hearing people, according to Abramov. Twenty thousand deaf people live in Moscow, where seven of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics' 230 schools for the deaf are located.

While deaf people can earn degrees from Moscow State, the school does not have interpreters or teachers trained in deaf education, Abramov said. "Deaf people need their own college," he noted. "The Russian government says that my opinion may be wrong, so I'm using my research to support my arguments."

Abramov also plans to use his research to make deaf Russians more aware of their past. "Many deaf Russians believe that deaf education in Russia started after the Communist Party came to power," he explained. "Now that the Party is out of power, they are worried that education will stop."

According to Abramov's research, however, deaf education in Russia

began in 1806 when Maria, wife of deposed czar Paul the First, started a small school for deaf students. Four years later she established a larger school in St. Petersburg and began corresponding with the Royal National Institute for the Deaf in Paris, France. The institute offered to send two teachers: Laurent Clerc and Jean-Baptiste Jaufret. The St. Petersburg school could only afford one teacher, so Jaufret went to St. Petersburg and Clerc stayed behind.

"This research shows that Russian deaf people had a culture and history before the Communist Party," Abramov said. "It is important that deaf people realize that and have pride in our history."

Abramov first visited the United States when he attended The Deaf Way Conference and Festival held at Gallaudet in 1989, where he first learned some of the history of deaf education.

Abramov became deaf in early childhood due to a fall and was educated at a residential school for deaf students in Moscow, later earning a degree in electrical engineering and electronics from Moscow State.

Abramov stressed that the Russian deaf community needs immediate aid. "Food and medicine are very important," he said. "We also need more information about deafness, deaf people, hard of hearing people, and English."

Abramov suggested that in order to take full advantage of U.S. postal rates, aid should be sent in packages weighing at least 22 pounds. People wishing to help can send dry foods, soups, medicine, or books to: Vladimir Bazoev, Vice President of the Moscow Federation of the Deaf, Seliverstov per. 8, Moscow 103045, Russia.

Campus construction projects progress

To update the Gallaudet community on the construction projects planned or in progress on Kendall Green, the following information was provided to On the Green by Dr. Bette Martin, special assistant to President I. King Jordan and chairwoman of the Construction Communication Committee, and Charles Mann, director of Business Services.

Hall Memorial Building

Work crews from Donohoe Construction Company are concentrating their efforts on erecting the steel beams that will frame the new fourth-floor addition. Donohoe has also started pouring concrete for the fourth floor. The contractor has indicated that the concrete and steel work should be completed by the time spring break begins in mid-March.

During the period between fall and spring semesters, the contractor took advantage of students' and University employees' absence from the building to undertake interior work. Over spring break, Donohoe plans to drill holes for two stairways in the south wing and complete work in the area formerly occupied by the Admissions Office to reinforce support columns.

The south wing of the fourth floor and the new east wing of the building are expected to be finished in early June, and the north wing will be finished in late August. The following units from the College of Arts and Sciences will relocate to the south wing on a temporary basis: philosophy and religion, sociology, social work, and English, along with the Academic Advising Office and the Honors Program.

Electronic Networks for Interaction (ENFI), the Writing Center, the English Tutorial program, and the offices of Records Management and Recruitment will permanently move to the

east wing. The office of the director of Enrollment Services will move there temporarily.

The Provost's Office, which will eventually relocate to the south wing of the fourth floor, will stay at its present location in the Edward Miner Gallaudet building until the final phase of the renovation work is completed in August 1993, providing space for these temporary moves.

Plans are being made to provide temporary accommodations for a number of classes because when the south wing of the lower floors is closed off this summer for renovation work, classroom space will be lost. However, University officials point out that when the HMB project is completed, there will be considerably more classroom space than before the project was started.

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Board of Trustees meets this week

Gallaudet's Board of Trustees will be on campus for meetings and other activities from Wednesday, Feb. 5, to Friday, Feb. 7.

Copies of the board agenda are on reserve at the libraries of the University, the Northwest Campus, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School.

Following a Feb. 7 noon luncheon in "Ole Jim" for board members, deans, and directors, Dr. Robert Birnbaum, a professor of higher education at the University of Maryland who works with the Center for Higher Education, Governance, and Leadership, will speak on shared governance.



Visitors to the Jan. 24 opening of MSSD's art students exhibit view some of the 150 works displayed by 80 artists. The exhibit, located in Room 134, closes Feb. 12.

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office furnishings for HMB, several vendors have set up furniture displays in trailers in the HMB parking lot for faculty and staff to evaluate. Sue White, designer and purchasing agent for the Department of Contracts and Purchasing, is soliciting feedback to base a decision on what purchases will be made.

College Hall

Renovation work at College Hall is proceeding on schedule, and many of the departments and offices that moved to other campus locations last summer to make way for construction workers are slated to return. Specifically, these offices from the Division of Administration and Business will move back to College Hall in early May: vice president, Administrative and Community Services, Budget, Business Services, Personnel, and Institutional Research.

In addition, the School of Management will move to the second floor of College Hall in May.

Chapel Hall

Work on the project, which calls for replacing 2,000 square feet of sandstone that has deteriorated on the exterior of the historic building, has ceased temporarily.

Briar Hill Stone, Inc., of Glenmont, Ohio, the firm that had been contracted to supply natural sandstone to match the stone on the original 120-year-old structure, failed to fulfill contract obligations. When the University received the stone sample, it was unsatisfactory, so the contract was cancelled.

The University now has two options: to find natural stone or an artificial material that will satisfactorily

match the original stone.

The Conference Center for Training and Development

Design work for the conference center has fallen behind schedule. However, the University still plans to demolish the West Office Building this summer and start construction of the new center in late fall. The project should be completed in the spring of 1994.

Ely Center

The interior of Ely Center is slated to be painted and refurbished this summer. Individuals will be moved to temporary quarters while their offices are being renovated.

Parking

The multistory parking lot that was on the University's facilities master plan has been relocated from its proposed location on Sixth Street, across the street from the parking lot next to the Transportation Building, to property on the campus side of the street. The master plan lists all construction projects that the University is allowed by the city to undertake during the next 10 years, depending on availability of funding and the feasibility of the project.

The parking garage has been on the plan for some time because University officials foresee a need to accommodate the additional need for parking that the new conference center could generate. The plans were changed to build the garage on campus, in part because of safety concerns about parking off campus that were registered by respondents to a parking survey distributed on campus last fall by the University's parking committee.

Faculty/Staff Campaign under way

Letters are currently being sent to Gallaudet employees soliciting their financial support for the University's 1992 Faculty/Staff Campaign, a year-long fundraising activity that is coordinated by the Development Office.

Last year, the contributions of the 171 employees who gave to the campaign totaled \$49,448. Development officials hope that at least 25 percent

more faculty and staff will contribute to meet or exceed this year's goal of \$60,000.

Development officials feel that gifts from faculty and staff are important not only because they add to Gallaudet's fiscal resources, but they also illustrate the University's solidarity to outside sources when grants are being solicited.

"Corporations and foundations want to know that the University is supported financially by the people who know it best," said Catherine Dehoney, associate director for corporation and foundation relations in the Development Office.

Faculty and staff have the privilege of saying what program they want their gifts to support. If no designation is made, the money will go to the area of greatest need, as determined by the president of the University.

Contributions to the campaign can be made in three ways: by making an outright gift, by completing a pledge form and paying at a later date, or by having the gift deducted from paychecks. For more information, call the Development Office at x5410.

Gospel festival slated

A gospel event, "An Evening of Signs and Praise," will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 1510 9th St. NW. Participating groups include the Unity of Hands Deaf Chorale and the East Catholic High School Signing Choir, both of Detroit, Mich., and the Silent Mission Choir of Shiloh Baptist.



National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) Director Loraine DiPietro is congratulated by Dr. Jack Gannon, special assistant to the president, advocacy, at a recent party to celebrate her 20th anniversary with the University. February also marks DiPietro's 10th year as NICD's director. Under her leadership, NICD has become an internationally recognized resource center in the field of deafness.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Feb. 3-7 will be published Feb. 17.

FOR RENT: 2 BRs in Cheverly, Md., house, spacious kitchen, W/D, no pets, nonsmoker, \$250 and \$350/mo. plus util. E-mail AMRAMOS.

FOR SALE: Exercise bike, good cond., \$50. Call Steve, (301) 262-6895 (V/TDD) 6-8 p.m.

FOR SALE: Apple ImageWriter II w/cable, 1½ years old, \$250/BO. E-mail CEDRAWDY.

FOR SALE: Matching IKEA sleeper couch and chair, floral pattern, almost new, \$375/both. Call x5729 or (301) 773-9013 (V/TDD).

WANTED: 2 M/F nonsmoking professionals or grad. students to rent room w/bath in townhouse, Silver Spring, Md., living room, storage, kitchen privileges, CAC, fireplace, W/D, DW, microwave, no pets, free shuttle

to Metro red line, rent plus util. Call (301) 933-8055 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: Large cargo sofa, \$250/BO, w/matching desk chair, \$65, both great cond.; butler's tray, \$35. Call Barry or Holly, (301) 464-3976 eves., or E-mail 11BJENSEN or HPJENSEN.

WANTED: One or two nonsmoking professional/grad. students to share 3-BR, 1-bath house in Takoma Park w/27-year-old deaf woman, W/D, new w/w carpets, 5-min. walk to Metro, avail. now, no pets. Call Ralph, (301) 270-6316 (TDD).

INCOME TAX HELP: Students only, Md. and D.C. returns, very reasonable prices. Call Roberta Collins, x7411, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

FOR SALE: Beautifully restored 2-BR, 2½-bath Capitol Hill victorian bayfront near Kendall Green, new kitchen, basement, huge yard w/deck, garden, parking, 723 13th St. NE, \$175,500. Call (202) 397-3220 (V), leave message.

FOR SALE: '87 grey 4-dr Hyundai, see at 837 Florida Ave. NE, \$2,250/BO; girl's bike, \$25. Call Henry Johnson, (202) 543-8391.

FOR SALE/SUBLET: 3-BR 2-bath brick rancher in Cheverly, Md., living and dining rooms, table-space kitchen, screened porch, fireplace, full basement, attic, garage, 1 mi. to Metro, \$134,000. Will sublet large BR/bath, share other facilities, W/D, DW, avail. through March, \$450/mo. plus ½ util. Call Sue, x5301, or E-mail SRUSSELL.

FOR RENT: 4-BR 2-bath rancher w/full basement, Greenbelt, Md., 1 block to lake, trees, near BW Parkway, 1 mi. to Metro, \$1,000/mo. Call (301) 552-2110 (TDD).

WANTED: New England style sofa with/without bed, forest green, maroon, or navy color. E-mail ADM_REEDY.

THE CONGRESSWOMEN



"The Congresswomen," Aristophanes' satirical play about women taking over the ruling power of the city of Athens from their senator husbands, will be presented this month in Elstad Auditorium by the Gallaudet University Theatre Arts Department.

Performances are slated for Feb. 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. All performances are signed with vocal interpretation.

Ticket prices are \$4 for students, including sign language students, and \$6 for others. Full-time Gallaudet students will be admitted free with I.D.

For reservations, call x5500 (V) or x5502 (TDD).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

INSTRUCTOR, TECHNICAL WRITING:

English Department

INSTRUCTOR, CREATIVE WRITING:

English Department

INSTRUCTOR, ENGLISH: English Department

FACULTY: Sociology Department

FACULTY, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY:

Psychology Department

FACULTY: Mathematics and Computer Science Department

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